

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An interconnect 1, comprising:

at least one male element (10) having one or more contact members (11); and

at least one female element (20) having one or more contact areas (23),

5 wherein said at least one female element (20) is fashioned from a flexible fiber construction.
2. The interconnect (1) of claim 1, wherein said one or more contact members (11) pivotally cooperate with at least one hub member (12).
3. The interconnect (1) of claim 2, wherein said one or more contact members
10 (11) can cooperate with said one or more contact areas (23) of said at least one female element (20).
4. The interconnect (1) of claim 2, wherein said at least one hub member (12) has a controller (16) for cooperating with said one or more contact members (11).
5. The interconnect (1) of claim 4, wherein said controller (16) controls the
15 pivotal positioning of said one or more contact members (11).
6. The interconnect (1) of claim 1, wherein said fiber construction of said at least one female element (20) forms a socket (21) with said one or more contact areas (23) being situated therein.

7. The interconnect (1) of claim 6, wherein said one or more contact members (11) are electrically and/or mechanically connectable with said socket and/or said one or more contact areas (23).
8. A garment or upholstery (60) having the interconnect (1) of claim 6.
- 5 9. The interconnect (1) of claim 6, wherein said socket (21) of said at least one female element (20) and said one or more contact members (11) of said at least one male element (10) are electrically and/or mechanically connectable with any of a variety of electronic devices/systems (50).
- 10 10. A connecting assembly 1, comprising:
at least one male element (10) having at least two contact members (11); and
at least one female element (20) having at least two contact areas (23),
wherein said at least one female element (20) is fashioned from a flexible fiber construction.
- 15 11. The connecting assembly (1) of claim 10, further comprising at least one hub member (12).
12. The connecting assembly (1) of claim 11, wherein said at least two contact members (11) pivotally cooperate with said at least one hub member (12).

13. The connecting assembly (1) of claim 12, wherein said at least two contact members (11) can interact with said at least two contact areas (23) of said at least one female element (20).

14. The connecting assembly (1) of claim 12, wherein said at least one hub
5 member (12) has a controller (16) for cooperating with said at least two contact members (11).

15. The connecting assembly (1) of claim 14, wherein said controller (16) influences the pivotal positioning of said at least two contact members (11).

16. The connecting assembly (1) of claim 10, wherein the flexible fiber
10 construction of said at least one female element (20) has at least one socket (21) with said at least two contact areas (23) being on and/or integral with a surface (24) of said at least one socket (21).

17. The connecting assembly (1) of claim 16, wherein said at least two contact members (11) are electrically and/or mechanically connectable with said at least one socket
15 (21), said at least two contact areas (23), and/or one or more electronic devices/systems (50).

18. A garment or upholstery (60) having the connecting assembly (1) of claim
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19. A connecting assembly (1), comprising:

at least one male element (10) having one or more conductive contact members (11)
with at least one accessory (17); and

at least one female element (20) having one or more conductive contact areas (23),

5 wherein said one or more contact members (11) are electrically and/or mechanically
connectable with said one or more contact areas (23) and/or one or more electronic
devices/systems.

20. The connecting assembly (1) of claim 19, wherein said accessory (17)
facilitates said one or more conductive contact members (11) being adjusted between at
10 least one first state (14, 18) and at least one second state (15, 19).